

City of Santa Barbara **Integrated Pest Management Strategy**

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I. INTRODUCTION

In June 2003, the City of Santa Barbara (City) adopted a jurisdiction—wide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategy. The City's IPM Strategy was developed to help reduce pesticide hazards on City property and promote effective pest management. This 2005 IPM Annual Report is the second Annual Report for the program.

The IPM Strategy requires the Annual Report to address each of the following areas: below.

Section II: Types of pest problems that each Department has encountered.

Section III: Types and quantities of pesticides used by each Department.

Section IV: Exemptions currently in place and granted during the past year.

Section VI: Alternatives currently used for phased out pesticides.

Section VII: Alternatives proposed for adoption within the next 12 months.

Section VIII: Effectiveness of any changes in practice implemented.

Section IX: Planned changes to pest management practices.

Section X: IPM Committee dissentions on any issue.

City Departments who applied pesticides or contracted with pesticide applicators prepared monthly pesticide and alternative use reports and participated in the preparation of this Annual Report. These monthly reports form the basis of the Annual Report and are available at the main offices of each department. They will be made readily available upon request. The data used to generate the total overall pesticide use is based upon total units (gallons or pounds) of all tiered materials (Tier 1 – 4). It should be noted that with the adoption of the PHAER Zone, the 2006 report will show an adjustment to the colored Tier System (Green, Yellow, Red) in order to conform to the PHAER Zone color model.

Staff and Citizen IPM Advisory Committees

The Staff IPM Committee continued to work effectively with the IPM Advisory Committee to administer the IPM Strategy, oversee pest management practices, and help prepare this Annual Report.

Department IPM Coordinators are appointed by department heads to serve on the Staff IPM Committee, which has representatives from Airport, Community Development, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Waterfront. The citizen IPM Advisory Committee included the following representatives in 2005: Eric Cardenas from the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), Greg Chittick, community at large, Oscar Carmona, community at large, and Brenton Kelly from the Pesticide Awareness and Alternative Coalition (PAAC).

2005 Program Highlights

In this second year of the IPM program, the City further reduced pesticide hazards by relying more heavily on green and lower risk materials and the use of non-chemical alternatives.

City-Wide

- Tier 1 materials were reduced by 92% City-wide in 2005, demonstrating that the City continues to reduce pesticide toxicity through the use of lower risk pesticides.
- The total number of pesticide units applied decreased 8.7%.
- The total number of pesticide applications decreased 33%, from 390 in 2004 to 261 in 2005.

Parks Division

- Tier 1 pesticides were completely eliminated in 2005, by relying more on non-chemical alternatives and reduced hazard pesticides. As Parks has been recording IPM data since 1999, this reduces overall pesticide use in City parks a total of 83.75% over the 7 years.
- The units of pesticide applications reduced by 6%, and the number of applications by 70% from 2004 to 2005.
- Use of Round-up decreased 50% compared to 2004, Parks is applying mulch more vigorously to abate weeds.

Public Works

- Mechanical traps were used instead of pesticides to control rodents. Heat treatments were used to control termites in public facilities.
- For bee control, M-PEDE, a Tier 2 insecticidal soap, replaced the Tier 1 pesticide Pyrethrin.
- For rodents, mechanical traps were predominantly used rather than Tier 1 pesticides.
- For mosquitoes, a lesser toxic Tier 3 and other non-chemical alternatives were used.

Airport

- No Tier 1 materials were applied in 2005. Less hazardous Tier 2 materials were used to abate mosquitoes, and routine use of six Tier 1 pesticides was eliminated, including Diazinon, Malathion, Merit, Reward, Trimec, and Simazine.
- Reduced-risk pesticides were used to abate mosquitoes, which are associated with the spread of the West Nile virus.

Golf

- Ten alternative non-chemical methods were used to increase plant health and reduce disease susceptibility.
- Above normal rainfall during the rain periods and more extensive Summer foggy weather conditions resulted in the need for slighter higher use of fungicides at the S.B. Municipal Golf Course

As the program continues into its third year, it is important to remember that the volume of pesticides applied will increase as more green materials, which require higher application levels for the same results, are substituted for high risk pesticides.

II. PEST PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

A variety of pests were encountered on City properties in 2005 as reviewed in the table below. Departments ranked their top three pest problems represented by the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Other pest problems encountered are checked (\checkmark). Footnote annotations reference additional information which is provided below the table.

| | | < Airport | Creeks | Golf | Parking | Parks | Public Works |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Plant pests | Giant whitefly | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Misc. plant insects | ✓ | | 2 ¹ | 3 | ✓4 | |
| | Disease | | | 1 ² | ✓ | √ ⁵ | |
| Specimen Tree Pests | Oak Worm | | | ✓ | 2 | ✓ | |
| | Psyllids | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Weeds | Invasives | | | 3 ³ | | 1 ⁶ | |
| | General weeds | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| | Perennial grasses | | ✓ | | | 1 ⁷ | |
| Vertebrates | Gopher | 3 | | ✓ | | 2 | |
| | Ground Squirrel | 3 | | | | 1 | |
| | Gulls/ nuisance birds | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Moles | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Human Health | Poison Oak | | | | | ✓ | |
| | Bees, yellow jackets, etc. | | | ✓ | ✓ | 3 | 2 |
| | Rats/ mice | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 3 |
| | Mosquitoes | 2 | | | | ✓ | 1 |
| Other | Termites | | | | | | ✓ |
| | Roaches | | | | | | ✓ |

- 1. Golf reported these insect pest: Black Turfgrass Ataenius Beetle (Grubs).
- 2. Golf reported these plant diseases (fungus): Dollar Spot, Pink Snow Mold, Anthracnose, Summer Patch, and Yellow Patch.
- 3. Golf reported these invasive weeds: Clover.
- 4. Parks reported these plant insects: Lerp Psyllids, Mites, Oak Moths, Thrips, Aphids, Snails, Slugs, and Ants.
- 5. Parks reported these plant diseases: Leaf Spot, Mildew, Blight, Pink Bud Rot, Sooty Mold, Pythium, Armillaria, and Phytothora.
- 6. Parks reported these invasive weeds: Arrundo, Nutgrass, Kikuyu Grass, Clover, Oxalis, Malva, Foxtail, Spurge, Dandelion, Milkweed, Sow Thistle, Poa annua, Puncture Vine, Johnson Grass, and Poison Oak.
- 7. Parks reported the following perennial grasses: Crab, and Bermuda.

III. TOTAL PESTICIDE USAGE

The table below provides a summary of the pesticides applied on City property in 2005. It was compiled from data in the Monthly Pesticide Use Reports prepared by City departments. Pesticides are reported in either pounds or gallons depending on if they are dry or liquid. The column labeled "Type" includes the type of pesticide applied: Insecticide, Fungicide, Herbicide, Molluscicide, and Rodenticide.

| Tier | Pesticide | Туре | | Airport | jioo | | 0 2 2 2 0 | | O. P. I. | rubile works | Motorfront | Material | Airport | Golf | Parks | Public Works | Watrefront |
|------|--------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|------------|
| | | | | _ | 0 " | | nt of Pest | | | _ | | _ | N | umber | of App | olicatio | ns |
| | | | Gallons | Pounds | Gallons | Pounds | Gallons | Pounds | Gallons | Pounds | Gallons | Pounds | | | | | |
| 1 | Daconil | Fungicide | | | 7.5 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| 1 | Heritage | Fungicide | | | 1.5 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 1 | Prostar | Fungicide | | | • | 10 | | - | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| | Tier 1 Totals | | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Altosid | Insecticide | | 1,448.50 | | | | | | 0.031 | | | 12 | | | 2 | |
| 2 | Aquamaster - Rodeo | Herbicide | 14.4 | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | |
| 2 | Ditrac | Rodenticide | | 20.5 | | | | | | | | 60 | 5 | | | | 10 |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | 6.2 | | | | | | | 28 | |
| | M-Pede | Insecticide | | | | | | | 0.3 | | | | | | | 15 | |
| 2 | Neem Oil | Fungicide | | | | | 4.53 | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| | Round-up Pro | Herbicide | 150.3 | | 2.5 | | 6.18 | | 0.125 | | | | 47 | 4 | 33 | 2 | |
| 2 | Surflan | Herbicide | 82.5 | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | |
| | Tier 2 Totals | | 247.2 | 1469 | 2.5 | 0 | 10.71 | 0 | 6.625 | 0.031 | 0 | 60 | 81 | 4 | 37 | 47 | 10 |
| 3 | Bti Summit | Insecticide | | 0.176 | | | | | | 14.16 | | | | 1 | | 38 | |
| 3 | Bti Vectobac | Insecticide | | 115.2 | | | | | | 1 | | | 29 | | | 1 | |
| 3 | Citrall | Insecticide | | | | | 1.25 | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | Kalligreen | Fungicide | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| 3 | Sluggo | Molluscicide | | | | | | 100 | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| | Tier 3 Totals | | 0 | 115.376 | 0 | 0 | 1.25 | 106 | 0 | 15.16 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 7 | 39 | 0 |
| 4 | Medallion | Fungicide | | | | 3.4 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| | Tier 4 Totals | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Department Totals | | 247.2 | 1584.38 | 11.5 | 13.4 | 11.96 | 106 | 6.625 | 15.191 | 0 | 60 | 110 | 11 | 44 | 86 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | City-wide Totals | | | Gallons | 277.285 | | | | Pounds | 1778.967 | 7 | | - 1 | Applica | ations | 261 | |

IV. EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions may be granted when a pest outbreak poses an immediate threat to public health or will result in significant economic or environmental damage from failure to use a pesticide on the *Phased-Out Pesticide List* or in a designated pesticide free zone. Exemptions may be requested for one time application or as a programmatic exemption for a single year. The exemption process is reviewed in the IPM Strategy.

- Twenty-seven (27) exemptions were requested in 2005 as summarized in the table to the right and as listed in the table below. A "No" in the used column means the exemption was approved, but the product was never applied.
- Four (4) requests were one-time exemptions and 23 were programmatic exemptions.
- Of the 26 requests approved, only 14 (or 54%) were applied. Thirteen (13) were granted where the use of alternative control methods was first used.
- Four (4) of the approved exemptions were for the use of food-grade, organic materials in pesticide free zones.
- For the 1 request denied, the IPM Advisory Committee advised Parks Staff to explore least toxic alternatives.

| 2005 Exemptions | Totals | o Airport | Golf | Parks | Public Works | Waterfront |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Proposed | 27 | | 5 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Total passed | 26 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 1 |
| Applied: | 14 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Fungicide | 5 | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Herbicide | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Insecticide | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| Rodenticide | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Other | 4 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Not applied | 13 | 2 | 1 | 9 | | |
| Denied | 1 | | | | | |
| Fungicide | 0 | | | | | |
| Herbicide | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Insecticide | 0 | | | | | |
| Rodenticide | 0 | | | | | |
| Other | 0 | | | | | |
| Deferred | 0 | | | | | |

| Vote | Department | Material | Туре | Tier | Pest | Exemption Type | Used | Site |
|--------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------|-----------------|----------------|------|--|
| Passed | Airport | Fumitoxin | Rodenticide | 1 | Rodents | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Airport | Aquamaster-Rodeo | Herbicide | 2 | Weeds | Programmatic | Yes | Runway & creek / wetland restoration areas |
| Passed | Airport | Altosid | Larvicide | 2 | Mosquito Larvae | Programmatic | Yes | Stagnant water areas |
| Passed | Airport | Vectobac G | Larvicide | 3 | Mosquito Larvae | Programmatic | Yes | Stagnant water areas |
| Passed | Airport | Clove Oil + 2-phenethyl propionate | Insecticide | 4 | Insects | Trial | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Cirtrall-Lemon Garlic Oil | Insecticide | 3 | Insects | Programmatic | Yes | Pesticide free sites |
| Passed | Parks | Sluggo | Molluscicide | 3 | Snails / Slugs | Programmatic | Yes | Pesticide free sites |
| Passed | Parks | Dipel 2x | Insecticide | 3 | Insects | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Neem Oil | Insecticide | 2 | Insects | Programmatic | Yes | Pesticide free sites |
| Passed | Parks | Pond Saver | Algicide | 3 | Algae | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Kaligreen | Fungicide | 3 | Powdery Mildew | Programmatic | Yes | Pesticide free sites |
| Passed | Parks | Matran | Herbicide | 2 | Weeds | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | ThermX 70 | Surfactant | 3 | N/A | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Azatrol | Insecticide | 2 | Insects | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Rodeltrol | Rodenticide | N/A | Squirrels | Programmatic | Yes | Shoreline / Leadbetter |
| Passed | Parks | Conserve | Insecticide | 3 | Insects | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Wilco | Rodenticide | 2 | Rodents | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Torch | Herbicide | 4 | Weeds | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Parks | Yellow Jacket Traps | Other | N/A | Yellow Jackets | One | No | |
| Denied | Parks | Round Up pro | Herbicide | 2 | Weeds | One | No | DFP |
| Passed | Waterfront | Ditrac | Rodenticide | 2 | Rats | Programmatic | Yes | Secure areas by marina entrances |
| Passed | Vector | Golden Bear Oil 1111 | Larvicide | 2 | Mosquito Larvae | Programmatic | Yes | Stagnant water areas |
| Passed | Golf | Heritage | Fungicide | 1 | Anthracnose | Programmatic | Yes | Golf Course |
| Passed | Golf | Medallion | Fungicide | 4 | Pink Snow Mold | Programmatic | Yes | Golf Course |
| Passed | Golf | Prostar | Fungicide | 4 | Yellow Patch | Programmatic | Yes | Golf Course |
| Passed | Golf | Banner Maxx | Fungicide | 1 | Summer Patch | Programmatic | No | |
| Passed | Golf | Daconil | Fungicide | 1 | Dollar Spot | Programmatic | Yes | Golf Course |

Comparison of Exemptions for 2004 and 2005

| | 2004 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|
| Number of Exemption Requests | 29 | 27 |
| Number of Exemption Requests Approved | 21 | 26 |
| Number of Approved Exemption Requests Applied | 16 | 14 |

The number of exemptions applied for in 2005 was reduced slightly while the percentage approved rose. This is in part due to a more efficient operation of the exemption process by Staff and the IPM Advisory Committee. The number of approved exemptions that were applied dropped significantly as a result of proactive planning, providing a longer period for alternatives to be effective.

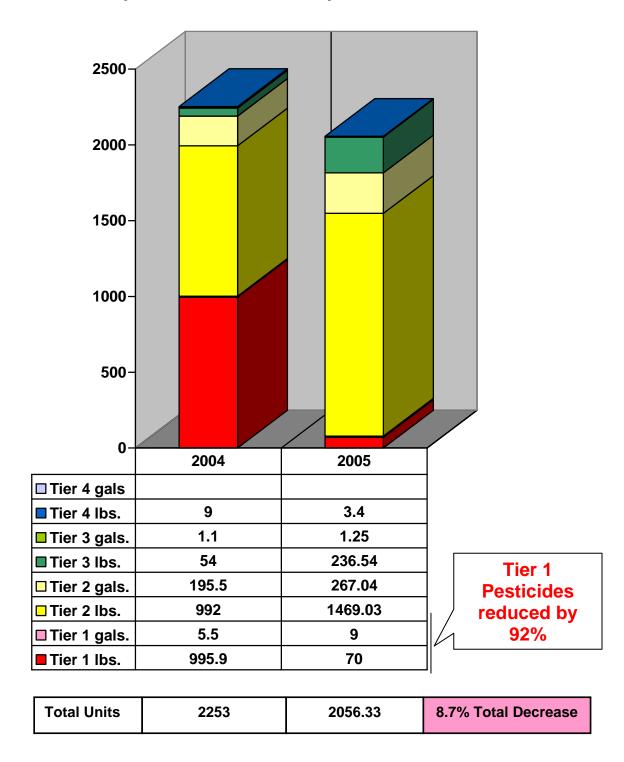
V. REDUCTION OF PESTICIDE HAZARD

Pesticide hazards were reduced in 2005 by decreasing the total volume and toxicity of pesticides applied by all Departments.

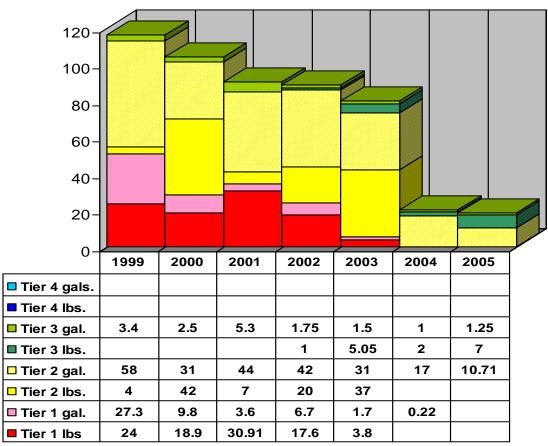
Base data for City-wide pesticide application was obtained in 2004. However, data is available for the Golf Division for the last four years and for the Parks Division for the last seven years. This data is plotted in the graphs on subsequent pages which depict a significant reduction in pesticide use.

It is important to note that because pesticide use will vary from year to year, an increase or decrease from the previous year does not necessarily indicate a long-term trend. Many factors affect the amount of pesticides applied in any one year. For example, weather always plays a role. A dry winter results in less weed growth and shorter weed-growing conditions in late winter and early spring. Whereas, dry winters drive gophers into irrigated City turf and shrub areas and probably contribute to a higher survival rate among gopher litters. Due to the high volume of late rain this winter, weed populations are expected to increase in 2006, and, as a result, higher pesticide usage is likely with a focus on using lower toxicity/green materials and non-chemical alternatives.

City-wide Pesticide Use By Tier: 2 Years



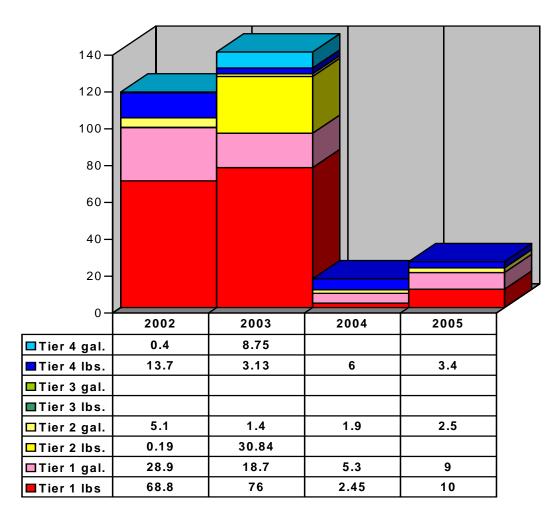




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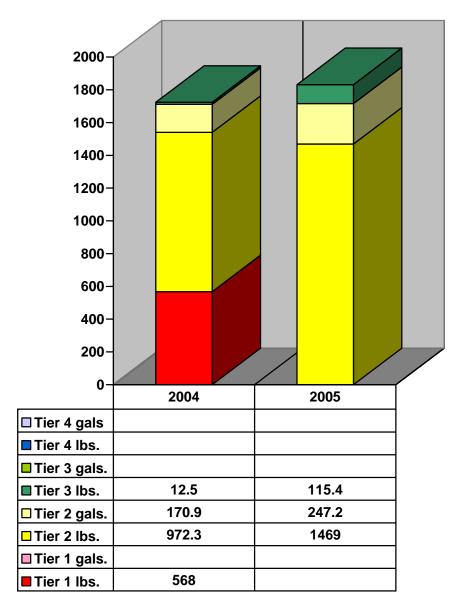
Note: One product, Sluggo, is shown in the chart above by active ingredient (not total product applied) as the inerts, carriers, and solids used to enable granular application were equal to or greater than 99% of total composition. The active ingredient, iron phosphate, is 1% of the total product. In 2005, one pound of ingredient is included in Tier 3.





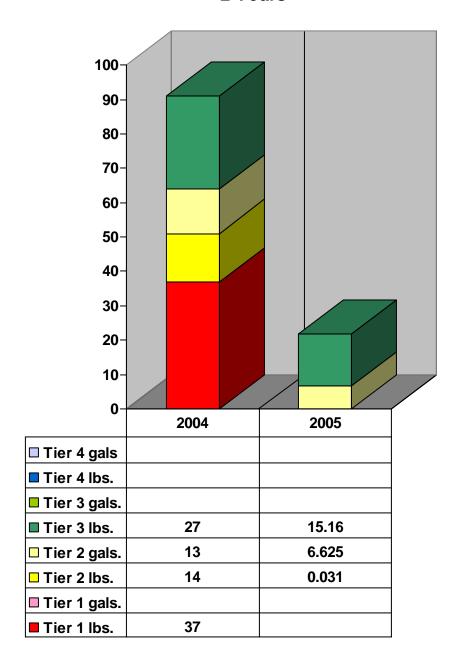
Pesticide use increased on the Golf Course greens due to higher use of fungicides to control Dollar Spot caused by the higher than normal rainfall and persistent Summer fog in 2005.

Airport Pesticide Use By Tier: 2 Years



The Airport saw an increase of yellow material applied in 2005 due to the use of Altosid XR. This product is used to control adult mosquito populations in the Goleta Slough. Adult mosquitoes are potential vectors of the West Nile Virus. Altosid XR is an extended release product with an effective life of up to 180 days. The Vector Control District pretreats Airport mosquito habitats prior to the rainy season and monitors Airport mosquito populations throughout the year. Altosid is activated as fall rains begin. In 2005, because of the above normal rainfall, mosquito habitats failed to evaporate within the 180 day efficacy period for the Altosid XR. As efficacy diminished, mosquito populations increased. Vector Control District personnel recommended and applied a second treatment of Altosid, almost doubling the amount of product applied versus 2004. The Airport was, however, able to eliminate the use of Tier 1 pesticides entirely for 2005.

Public Works Pesticide Use By Tier: 2 Years



Public Works saw a total of 76% decrease in the amount of pesticide units applied, and a complete elimination of Tier 1 pesticides between 2004 and 2005.

VI. ALTERNATIVE PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES USED IN 2005

Non-chemical pest management alternatives used in 2005 are reviewed in the table below. The use of non-chemical IPM alternatives was emphasized over pesticide applications. Hours reported for the total year are from the *Monthly Alternative Use Reports*. A check (\checkmark) indicates the alternative was used but time was not tracked for it. Hours for some alternatives are underreported as staff learns to consistently log hours.

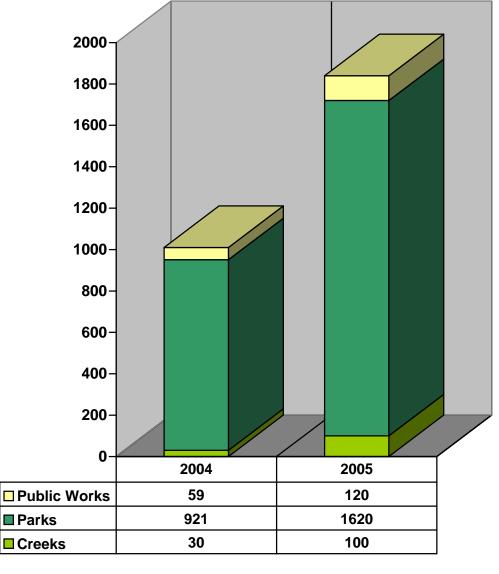
| PEST | Alternative | Airport | Golf | Parking | Parks | Public Works | Citywide |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| WEEDS | Mulch & wood chips | 48.5 | | | 268 | | 316.5 |
| | Weed fabric | ✓ | | | 59 | | 59 |
| | Propane flame weeder | | | | 54 | | 54 |
| | Hot water/ steam | | | | 38 | | 38 |
| | Hand weeding | 474.5 | 20 | 375 | 361 | | 1230.5 |
| | Weed whip | 702.5 | 134 | | 1172 | | 2008.5 |
| | Habitat modification | | | | 445 | | 445 |
| | Irrigation Mgmt. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Host plants squeeze out | 6 | | | | | 6 |
| PLANT PESTS | Irrigation Mgmt. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Compost tea/microbial in. | | 74 | | 14 | | 88 |
| | Enhance plant health | | 287.5 | | | | 287.5 |
| | Worm castings | | | | 53 | | 53 |
| | Effective micro-organisms | | 42.5 | | 132 | | 174.5 |
| | Wash off plants | | | ✓ | 20 | | 20 |
| | Resistant varieties | | | | ✓ | | |
| | Remove plant/tree | | | | ✓ | | |
| GOPHERS | Mechanical traps | 17 | | | 556 | | 573 |
| | Barriers | ✓ | | | | | |
| SQUIRRELS | EPA exempt bait | ✓ | | | 400 | | 400 |
| | Rat Zapper Traps | | | | 400 | | 400 |
| RATS & MICE | Mechanical traps | 35 | | | 418 | | 453 |
| | Cat | | | | ✓ | | |
| MOSQUITOES | Mosquito fish | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Remove stagnant water | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| BEES, WASPS, etc. | Bee Keepers | | | | | ✓ | |
| | Remove hives | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| OTHER | Glue traps/roaches | | | | ✓ | | |
| | Raise thresholds | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Total Hours | | 1,283.5 | 558 | 375 | 4,390 | | 6,606.5 |

The pilot projects begun in 2004 were continued in 2005. See IPM 2004 Annual Report for details. Pilot projects have been a worthwhile investment of staff time and resources providing greater understanding of effective, non-toxic alternatives. As a result of these projects, several new alternatives were adopted.

Mulch has been found to be effective in suppressing the growth of annual weeds. The Parks Division significantly increased its application of mulch in 2005. The table to the right shows the types of mulch applied as part of the mulching pilot project and weed management strategies for 2005.

| Yards of Mulch by Type | Creeks | Parks | Parking | City Totals |
|------------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Artesia Sawdust | | 200 | | 200 |
| County Green Waste | | 120 | | 120 |
| Woodchips | 100 | 1300 | 120 | 1520 |
| Total Yards | 100 | 1,620 | 120 | 1,840 |

Mulch Use Comparison: 2 Years



| Total | 1010 | 1840 | 82% Increase |
|-------|------|------|--------------|
| | | | |

VII. ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES PROPOSED FOR 2006

In 2006, Departments will continue to seek "least toxic" alternatives that provide higher benefit to cost ratios as resources become increasingly strained. Departments will also continue to use alternatives found effective in the 2004 IPM Annual Report unless alternatives providing a higher benefit to cost ratio are found. Departments proposed the following for 2006:

- Airport will continue using and evaluating least toxic and green alternatives.
- Creeks will try using an EPA exempt herbicide for non-native weeds and perennials in restoration areas.
- Golf will continue to refine and develop organic approaches and monitor turf energy levels, apply compost-tea to greens and pursue other green alternatives.
- Parks will continue using and evaluating least toxic and green alternatives.
- Public Works-Vector Control proposed no additional alternatives for 2006 at this time.

VIII. EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES IMPLEMENTED

In general, the majority of alternative practices used are more labor intensive, costly, and not as effective as Tier 1 and Tier 2 pesticides. Most provide only moderate control of pest populations. The effectiveness of alternatives for the biggest pest problems encountered is reviewed below.

- **Weeds**: a variety of non-chemical alternatives are used to provide moderate effectiveness and control including: weeding, weed whipping, mulching, mowing, flame torch (in designated safe areas), and the Aquacide Steam Weeder. These alternatives are significantly more labor and cost intensive and not as effective as chemicals.
- **Insects:** Results are mixed for combating insects. For some insects, there are no known effective non-chemical alternatives. Some alternatives can be very effective but expensive, such as removing non-resistant plants and replacing them with resistant varieties. Generally, non-chemical alternatives were found to be more labor intensive.
- **Disease:** No effective alternative has been found for most diseases. Where possible, staff focuses on preventative treatments to enhance plant health. Once disease strikes, pesticides are generally required to combat it.
- **Gophers:** For the most part, mechanical traps are being used City-wide. Traps have been found to be moderately effective and are more expensive than rodenticides due to higher costs of purchasing, installing, monitoring, and cleaning out traps.
- Ground Squirrels Mechanical trapping using rat zappers is the primary method of control at this time. This method is not very effective at controlling populations. More effective alternatives are needed.
- Mice/rats At this time, traps are the primary way of controlling this population. Traps
 have been found to be moderately effective depending on population size and location
 and available food sources. Positive pubic perception seems to far outweigh the problems
 associated with using traps which includes: traps are much less effective than bait
 stations, more labor intensive, and more expensive.
- **Termites** Building Maintenance now only uses heat treatments to control termites. Heat was found to be equally effective as pesticides and without the chemical residues. However, costs are 50% higher at this time.

IX. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Departments plan the following changes to pest management practices in 2006:

- An analysis of the Pesticide Hazard And Exposure Reduction (PHAER) Zone model in the City of Santa Barbara will be completed and presented to City Council in 2006 and implemented pending their approval. (Note: The PHAER Zone model was adopted by City Council on February 14, 2006.)
- Airport will standardize least toxic approaches for combating specific pests and will refine their strategy for controlling weeds on the airfield.
- Creeks will test an EPA exempt pesticide (specific food/household grade products to be determined) to abate non-native weeds and perennials in riparian area.
- Golf will try beneficial nematodes in April to combat Black Turfgrass Ataenius Beetle.
 During stress periods, compost tea will be applied more often and will be hand watering greens; both alternatives are labor intensive.
- Parks seeks to expand its use of alternative practices found effective in 2004. \$50,000 was added to general funding for IPM sustainability improvement projects such as adding concrete mow strips to various parks. Parks will invest in having additional staff certified in the Green Gardener Program.
- Vector Control will continue with its use of and focus on alternative practices.

X. IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISSENTIONS

In 2005, there was no IPM Advisory Committee dissention. A dissention is when a vote is not unanimous.

XI. CONCLUSION

Pesticide hazards have been significantly reduced in the last few years as a result of implementing the City's IPM Strategy through a variety of methods such as:

- Decreasing the volume of pesticides applied and the number of applications.
- Decreasing the toxicity of pesticide management alternatives by relying more greatly upon non-chemical and lower risk alternatives.
- Establishing pesticide free (green) zones.
- Phasing out pesticides and virtually eliminating Tier 1 pesticides.
- Focusing on spot treatments rather than broadcast.
- Increasing pest thresholds.
- Decreasing maintenance standards and aesthetics.

The greatest reductions were in the use of the most hazardous (Tier 1) pesticides. The City has, therefore, decreased the potential hazards to humans, wildlife, and the environment associated both in acute and chronic toxicity (carcinogenic, reproductive toxicants, endocrine disruptors, etc.) that are associated with the use of Tier 1 pesticides.

It is critical for City staff to continue to find low risk, cost effective, viable alternatives so that pesticide hazards may be reduced further and the overall efficiency of IPM practices may increase. Therefore, staff must be supported in continuing to receive IPM training, to collaborate with regional IPM groups, and to research and evaluate the use and effectiveness of alternative materials and methods.

Also critical to reducing pesticide hazards in the City of Santa Barbara is the continuation of community outreach and public education. The City's comprehensive public IPM outreach was reviewed in detail in the 2004 IPM Annual Report and is ongoing. As part of this community outreach, the public will become more aware of the City's greater reliance upon low risk IPM alternatives, and know that if a City staff person is seen spraying, it is with an approved material.

XII. ATTACHMENTS

A. ATTACHMENT A: APPROVED MATERIALS LIST 2005

There were no changes in 2005 to the Approved Materials List.

| Tier | Product Name | Active Ingredient | Туре |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Bayleton | triadimafon triazole | Fungicide |
| 1 | Fumitoxin | aluminum | Other |
| 1 | Manage | halosulfuron methyl | Herbicide |
| 1 | Quick Pro | glyphosate/diquat | Herbicide |
| 1 | Reward | diquat dibromide | Herbicide |
| 1 | Rubigan | fenarimol | Fungicide |
| 1 | Rubigan EC | fenarimol | Fungicide |
| 1 | Subdue | metalaxyl | Fungicide |
| 1 | Zp Rode | zinc phosphide | Other |
| 2 | Advanced Ant Bait | avermectin B-1 | Insecticide |
| 2 | Agnique MMF | POE Isoocatadecanol | Insecticide |
| 2 | Aliette | fosetyl aluminum | Fungicide |
| 2 | Altosid B | methoprene | Other |
| 2 | Altosid L | methoprene | Other |
| 2 | Altosid P | methoprene | Other |
| 2 | Altosid XR | methoprene | Other |
| 2 | Aquamaster-Rodeo | glyphosate | Herbicide |
| 2 | Dormant | petroleum oil | Insecticide |
| 2 | Green Light | Neem oil | Insect/Fung |
| 2 | Matran 2 | clove oil | Herbicide |
| 2 | M-PEDE | potassium salts of fatty acids | Insecticide |
| 2 | Rose Defense | Neem oil | Insect/Fung |
| 2 | Roundup Pro | glyphosate | Herbicide |
| 2 | Safticide Oil | petroluem oil | Insecticide |
| 2 | Stylet Oil | Petroleum distillates | Insecticide |
| 2 | Sulf-R-Spray | Parafin oil, sulfur | Fungicide |
| 2 | Superior Spray Oil | petroleum distillates | Insecticide |
| 2 | Surflan | oryzalin | Herbicide |
| 2 | Surflan AS | oryzalin | Herbicide |
| 2 | Triact | Neem oil | Insect/Fung |
| 2 | Trilogy | Neem oil | Insect/Fung |
| 2 | Wasp-Freeze | allethrim | Insecticide |
| 2 | Wilco Ground Squirrel Bait | diphacinone | Other |
| 2 | XL 2G | benefin; oryzalin | Herbicide |
| 3 | AllDown | citric acid, acetic acid, garlic | Herbicide |
| 3 | Bactimos Pellets | ВТ | Insecticide |
| 3 | Bactimos Wettable | ВТ | Insecticide |

| Tier | Product Name | Active Ingredient | Туре |
|------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 3 | Bio-Weed | corn gluten | Herbicide |
| 3 | BurnOut 2 | clove oil | Herbicide |
| 3 | Cinnamite | cinnamaldehyde | Insect/Fung |
| 3 | Conserve | spinosad | Insecticide |
| 3 | Dipel Flowable | ВТ | Insecticide |
| 3 | EcoExempt | Wintergreen Oil | Herbicide |
| 3 | Embark | mefluidide | Other |
| 3 | Kaligreen | potassium bicarbonate | Fungicide |
| 3 | Natura Weed-A-Tak | clove oil | Herbicide |
| 3 | Safer Soap | potassium salts of fatty acids | Insecticide |
| 3 | Sluggo | iron phosphate | Other |
| 3 | Summit BTI Briquets | ВТ | Insecticide |
| 3 | Teknar HP-D | ВТІ | Insecticide |
| 3 | Vectobac G | B.t.i. | Insecticide |
| 4 | Avid | Abamaectin B-1 | Insecticide |
| 4 | MAKI | bromadiolone | Other |
| 4 | Mecomec | Mecoproprionic Acid | Herbicide |
| 4 | Medallion | fludioxonil | Fungicide |
| 4 | PrimoMax | Trinexapac Ethyl | Other |
| 4 | Prostar 70 WP | flutolanil | Fungicide |
| 4 | Proxy | ethephon | Other |
| 4 | VectoLex CG | bacillus sphaericus | Insecticide |